

**STUDENTS' PERCEPTIONS TOWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
COOPERATIVE LEARNING APPROACH IN GRADE 7 OF SMP
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ABSTRACT

Cooperative Learning (CL) is an approach which focuses on student-centered learning. In this approach, the students will have the opportunity to actively participate in the class activities. Students appeared to be passive in conventional learning, but in the activity based on CL approach, they seemed to be more actively involved in the activity. This qualitative study attempted to answer a research question, which is “what are the students’ perceptions toward the implementation of Cooperative Learning approach in their English classroom?” A semi structured interview was conducted for 12 students of grade 7 of SMP Negeri 1 Banyubiru. The results of this study found that CL was an interesting activity and helpful for the students in mastering the materials. This study also found that CL could help the students be closer with their peers by helping each other.

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